

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 23, 24, 29 and 32 without prejudice and amend Claims 3, 4, 25-27 and 30 as follows:

Claims 1 and 2. Canceled.

3.(Currently Amended) Mobile crane (10) according to claim ~~2~~ 25, additionally comprising a fold-out support (26) coupled to the strut member (20) at a point remote from said additional swivel ~~point~~ joint (22) and supporting said strut member (20) upon said respective boom part (16) at an oblique angle as said main boom (12) is being raised.

4.(Currently Amended) Mobile crane (10) according to claim 25 ~~4~~, additionally comprising a coil (32) and a guy (34) arranged to be wound on or unwound off said coil (32).

Claims 5-20. Canceled

21.(Previously Presented) Mobile crane (10) according to claim 4, additionally comprising
a hoist (36) having a hoisting cable connected to said guy (34), and
a point (38) near a tip of one (16) of said boom parts (14, 16) and to which said guy (34) is attached.

22.(Previously Presented) Mobile crane (10) according to claim 21, wherein said attachment point (38) is positioned near the tip of the upper boom part (16).

Claims 23 and 24. Canceled

25. (Currently Amended) Mobile crane (10), comprising
a long main boom (12) comprising two boom parts (14, 16) pivotally linked
together,
a swivel point (18) at which said two boom parts (14, 16) are pivotally linked,
said two boom parts (14, 16) being structured and arranged with respect to one
another such that when said main boom (12) is initially raised from a flat, extended
position along the ground, the boom parts (14, 16) bend with respect to one another,
as said main boom (12) is raised, an upper one (16) of the boom parts (14, 16)
swivels with respect to a lower one (14) of the boom parts (14, 16) to position the main
boom (12) in extended or partially-extended final erection position with the boom parts
(14, 16) extended either substantially colinear or at a swivel angle with respect to one
another,
at least one strut member (20) positioned to swivel on an additional swivel joint
(22) positioned upon one (16) of said boom parts (14, 16),
an adjustment coil (42) positioned upon the main boom (12) and an adjustment
pulley (48) arranged to be drawn to a tip of the strut member (20) by turning said
adjustment coil (42),

~~a according to claim 24, wherein said pin (50) is situated upon said strap pulley~~
(44 48),

said ~~a~~ hook (52) is pivotally mounted upon said strut member (20), and
said additional swivel joint (22) is positioned upon the upper boom part (16),
with said pin (50) and hook (52) structured and arranged to engage one another
upon raising said strut member (20) with respect to said respective boom part (16).

26.(Currently Amended) Mobile crane (10) according to claim 25, ~~wherein said~~
~~adjustment strap (44) comprises an upper portion (48) and a lower portion, and~~
additionally comprising an adjustment strap (44) wrapping around said
adjustment pulley (44),

a second pulley about which said adjustment strap (44) also wraps, and
a cable (46) interconnecting said adjustment coil (42) and strap (44) at said a
lower portion of said strap (44) by also wrapping around said second pulley , and
~~said pin (50) is situated upon said upper portion (48) of said adjustment strap~~
(44).

27.(Currently Amended) Mobile crane (10) according to claim 26, additionally
comprising

two rollers (28, 30) positioned at a tip of said strut member (20) remote from
said additional swivel joint (22),

another coil (32) positioned upon said mobile crane (10),

a guy (34) wound about said another coil (32),
a hoist (36) having a hoisting cable connected to said guy (34),
a point (38) near a tip of the upper boom part (16) and to which said guy (34) is
attached, and
said guy (34) being wound about said two rollers (28, 30) ~~and upper portion (48)~~
~~of said adjustment strap (44),~~

~~such that upon raising said main boom (12) and simultaneously winding up the
hoisting cable and guy (34) about said hoist (36) and unwinding the adjustment cable (46)
off said adjustment coil (42), the upper portion (48) of the adjustment strap (44) is drawn to
the tip of the strut member (20) remote from said additional swivel joint (22) to raise said
strut member (20) with respect to said upper boom part (16).~~

28.(Previously Presented) Mobile crane (10) according to claim 27, additionally
comprising

a further guy (54) coupled to said guy (34) and hook (52) to disengage said hook
(52) from said pin (50) upon disassembly.

Claim 29. Canceled

30.(Currently Amended) Mobile crane (10) according to claim 25 ~~2~~, structured
and arranged such that upon raising said main boom (12) from the flat, extended position
along the ground,

the lower boom part (14) is raised,
said strut member (20) is independently raised with respect to said main boom (12), and
then the upper boom part (16) is pivoted and raised with respect to said lower boom part (14).

31.(Previously Presented) Mobile crane (10) according to claim 30, additionally comprising

an anchoring rod (40) coupled to a point of said strut member (20) remote from said additional swivel joint (22) and an end of said respective boom part (16) remote from said additional swivel joint (22),

such that raising said strut member (20) with respect to said main boom (12) tightens and guys said anchoring rod (40).

Claim 32. Canceled

33.(Previously Presented) Mobile crane (10) according to claim 25 ~~2~~, wherein said strut member (20) extends away from said respective boom part (16) in raised position of said main boom (12).